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Re: U.S. Army Installation Assessment of Fort Hood, Texas
June 1982

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Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Environmental Protection Agency, Superfund Branch, recently received the installation assessment of Fort Hood, Texas. We appreciate the opportunity to review this document.

We agree with all of the recommendations in Section III-C, page 82, of the assessment. With reference to recommendation two, we request the current status of each situation (a through d) and any further action planned; and we would appreciate a copy of any sampling/analysis programs completed.

In addition to the assessment's recommendations, we recommend that Fort Hood proceed with the following:

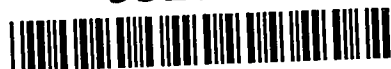
- (a) Test the ground near building 9405 where X-ray solution was discharged prior to summer of 1980, to determine the extent of contamination, if any. -page 23
- (b) Test the residues from powder burning/demolition areas for possible toxicity. -page 24
- (c) Test the 1975 burial site of six five gallon cans of Vapona granules to determine if any contamination to soil has since developed. -page 69

-Note that Vapona (DDVP) is most commonly found formulated in liquid and powder form as referenced from the Farm Chemicals Handbook, 1984.

- (d) Test the acid pits south of Owl Creek Road for possible migration of battery acid and other constituents. -page 72

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- (e). Test the land fill, site 15, for possible contamination from discarded military vehicle batteries, buried in the early 1970's.
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In addition to the above noted recommendations, we have noted the following concerns/questions:

- (a) In the two areas used for Chemical Warfare, has any environmental testing been conducted, and have any problems/hazards been noted?
-page 38
- (b) Have the mechanical baffled oil/water separators for the industrial waste water treatment plant been completed yet? (scheduled for 1981). -page 52
- (c) Has the leachate from sanitary landfill number eleven remained at non-critical limits? -page 69
- (d) Did the petroleum, oil and liquid spill (November 1980) near the eastern tank wash pad cause hazardous contamination to the soil and holding pad? -page 74
- (e) What is the current status of the planned April 1984 tie-in to the regional potable water system? -page 81

With reference to our recommendations and the above noted items, we request the current status of each situation and any further action planned; and we would appreciate a complete copy of any sampling/analysis programs completed.

Respectfully,

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